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Application No.: 10/725,290

Art Unit: 2817

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Examiner: Steven J. Mottola

For: AUDIO AMPLIFIER**OFFICIAL****AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION****MS Amendment**

June 21, 2004

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2004, paper no. 031504, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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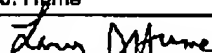
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